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THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana was estimated at 1,618,500 for June, a decrease of 2,200 from the May revised figure but 16,700 above the comparable period a year ago.

Estimated employment in the goods producing division increased to 337,000 during June, up 700 workers over the May level. Mining employment was up as a result of an increase in the exploration of oil and gas. The special trade contractors segment of construction exhibited the largest employment decline for the industry. Seasonal increases in the food and kindred products segment was mainly responsible for the higher level of manufacturing employment.

Service producing employment was estimated at 1,281,500 for June, a decrease of 2,900 from the May estimate. Higher employment in the transportation, communications, and public utilities industry was due to more business in each segment. Trade employment was boosted mainly by growth in the retail area. Losses in insurance accounted for the drop in finance, insurance, and real estate employment. Services employment dropped due to seasonal losses in educational services. Government employment was also down as a result of seasonal decreases at the state's educational facilities.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 134,300 production workers in manufacturing decreased from $505.91 in May to $505.24 in June, a decrease of $0.67, but an increase of $5.71 from June of last year. Average hourly earnings were $0.10 lower in June than May, but $0.27 higher than June a year ago. Average weekly hours for June were 42.6, an increase of 0.3 hours from the May revised level of 42.3 hours.

The June preliminary unemployment rate for Louisiana was 7.4 percent, up from the May revised rate of 7.2 percent. The average unemployment rate for the last three months (April, May, June) is 7.0 percent compared to 6.1 percent for the same period last year.

The comparable national unemployment rate for June was 6.9 percent. The national rate for May was 6.6 percent.

Total unemployment increased to 144,600. Claims for unemployment insurance increased slightly which is normal in June. The unemployment rate increases at this time of the year as more people enter the labor force for the summer months.

The state's civilian labor force increased to 1,962,500 with an increase in total employment to 1,817,900.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Jun. 1991*	May 1991**	Jun. 1990**	Net Change From May 1991	Net Change From Jun. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1618.5	1620.7	1601.8	- 2.2	+16.7
GOODS PRODUCING	337.0	336.3	332.6	+ 0.7	+ 4.4
MINING	56.2	55.9	55.9	+ 0.3	+ 0.3
Oil and Gas Extraction	54.4	54.1	54.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.3
Nonmetallic Minerals	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	96.4	96.8	91.1	- 0.4	+ 5.3
General Contractors	19.9	20.1	18.1	- 0.2	+ 1.8
Heavy Construction, ex. Bldg.	39.0	38.8	36.2	+ 0.2	+ 2.8
Special Trade Contractors	37.5	37.9	36.8	- 0.4	+ 0.7
MANUFACTURING	184.4	183.6	185.6	+ 0.8	- 1.2
Durable Goods	81.3	81.5	82.9	- 0.2	- 1.6
Lumber and Wood Products	12.4	12.5	12.7	- 0.1	- 0.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.2	5.2	5.5	0	- 0.3
Primary Metal Industries	3.0	3.0	3.1	0	- 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	14.2	14.3	14.2	- 0.1	0
Machinery, Except Electrical	12.2	12.0	11.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	6.4	6.4	6.6	0	- 0.2
Transportation Equipment	24.3	24.5	25.4	- 0.2	- 1.1
Other Durable Goods (1)	3.6	3.6	3.5	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	103.1	102.1	102.7	+ 1.0	+ 0.4
Food & Kindred Products	21.6	21.2	21.0	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
Apparel & Other Textile Products	10.2	10.3	11.3	- 0.1	- 1.1
Paper & Allied Products	12.5	12.3	12.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Printing & Publishing	9.8	9.8	10.1	0	- 0.3
Chemicals & Allied Products	30.3	30.0	29.3	+ 0.3	+ 1.0
Inorganic Chemicals	6.1	6.0	5.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Organic Chemicals	11.2	11.1	10.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.0	11.9	11.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Petroleum Refining	11.1	11.0	10.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	6.7	6.6	7.1	+ 0.1	- 0.4
SERVICE PRODUCING	1,281.5	1,284.4	1,269.2	- 2.9	+12.3
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	111.3	110.6	111.7	+ 0.7	- 0.4
Railroad Transportation	4.8	4.8	4.9	0	- 0.1
Transportation, ex. Railroads	67.0	66.7	67.0	+ 0.3	0
Water Transportation	27.2	27.2	27.3	0	- 0.1
Communications & Public Utilities	39.5	39.1	39.8	+ 0.4	- 0.3
Comm., ex. US Postal Service	16.7	16.6	17.3	+ 0.1	- 0.6
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	22.8	22.5	22.5	+ 0.3	+ 0.3

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Jun. 1991*	May 1991**	Jun. 1990**	Net Change From May 1991	Net Change From Jun. 1990
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	377.5	376.2	374.3	+ 1.3	+ 3.2
Wholesale Trade	87.1	87.0	86.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	47.8	47.5	47.4	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	39.3	39.5	39.0	- 0.2	+ 0.3
Retail Trade	290.4	289.2	287.9	+ 1.2	+ 2.5
Bldg. Mat'ls. & Garden Supplies	10.1	10.1	10.1	0	0
General Merchandise	41.0	40.9	40.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
Food Stores	56.9	56.7	57.0	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	30.7	30.4	31.0	+ 0.3	- 0.3
Apparel and Accessory	16.2	16.0	16.3	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Furniture and Equipment	9.8	9.6	9.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
Eating and Drinking Places	94.0	93.7	93.6	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
Other Retail Trade	31.7	31.8	30.5	- 0.1	+ 1.2
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	79.3	79.4	79.2	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Banking	29.5	29.4	29.9	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Insurance	26.8	27.0	26.4	- 0.2	+ 0.4
SERVICES	379.5	381.7	376.2	- 2.2	+ 3.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.1	22.2	22.4	- 0.1	- 0.3
Personal Services	13.9	14.1	13.7	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Business Services	63.5	63.5	64.0	0	- 0.5
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	11.5	11.6	11.7	- 0.1	- 0.2
Miscellaneous Repair Services	8.1	7.9	7.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Amusement & Recreation Services	13.1	12.6	13.7	+ 0.5	- 0.6
Health Services	121.1	120.1	117.4	+ 1.0	+ 3.7
Hospitals	54.0	53.4	52.0	+ 0.6	+ 2.0
Legal Services	16.4	16.2	16.6	+ 0.2	- 0.2
Educational Services	21.5	25.3	21.8	- 3.8	- 0.3
Social Services	22.3	22.6	21.3	- 0.3	+ 1.0
Membership Organizations	27.4	27.3	26.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
Eng., Acct. and Related Services	29.0	28.7	29.4	+ 0.3	- 0.4
Miscellaneous Services	5.1	5.2	4.9	- 0.1	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	333.9	336.5	327.8	- 2.6	+ 6.1
Federal	38.2	38.4	39.1	- 0.2	- 0.9
State and Local	295.7	298.1	288.7	- 2.4	+ 7.0
State	98.4	104.6	95.1	- 6.2	+ 3.3
Local	197.3	193.5	193.6	+ 3.8	+ 3.7

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(1) Includes furniture and fixtures, professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries.

(2) Includes leather, rubber and textile products.

All estimates of nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Jun. '91*	May '91**	Jun. '90**	Jun. '91*	May '91**	Jun. '90**	Jun. '91*	May '91**	Jun. '90**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	$505.24	$505.91	$499.53	42.6	42.3	43.1	$11.86	$11.96	$11.59
Durable Goods	445.59	435.92	458.58	41.8	40.4	42.5	10.66	10.79	10.79
Lumber & Wood Products	391.68	360.12	392.81	42.9	39.4	43.5	9.13	9.14	9.03
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	402.11	403.18	401.98	39.5	38.0	39.8	10.18	10.61	10.10
Fabricated Metal Products	439.06	436.72	408.39	43.3	42.4	41.8	10.14	10.30	9.77
Machinery, ex. Electrical	447.48	442.53	458.37	44.0	43.3	46.3	10.17	10.22	9.90
Electric & Electronic Equip.	634.10	593.25	747.61	42.7	38.8	45.2	14.85	15.29	16.54
Transportation Equipment	445.35	450.41	466.62	39.1	39.2	40.4	11.39	11.49	11.55
Nondurable Goods	558.14	568.92	536.64	43.3	44.0	43.7	12.89	12.93	12.28
Food & Kindred Products	334.05	334.51	325.26	41.6	40.4	41.7	8.03	8.28	7.80
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	233.12	229.01	212.24	35.7	36.7	37.3	6.53	6.24	5.69
Paper & Allied Products	622.48	662.48	625.24	42.9	45.5	44.0	14.51	14.56	14.21
Printing & Publishing	416.25	417.02	421.07	37.5	38.4	39.5	11.10	10.86	10.66
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	814.58	795.40	744.74	48.2	48.5	46.0	16.90	16.40	16.19
Petroleum & Coal Products	801.99	898.20	884.26	46.6	49.9	51.5	17.21	18.00	17.17
Petroleum Refining	812.36	917.81	911.23	46.5	49.8	52.1	17.47	18.43	17.49
MINING	624.83	588.70	574.99	47.3	44.7	46.9	13.21	13.17	12.26
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	526.18	541.27	534.67	42.4	41.7	42.3	12.41	12.98	12.64
BANKING	284.87	286.08	295.66	36.9	38.4	38.8	7.72	7.45	7.62

(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **134,300** full-time and part-time workers in manufacturing and **94,500** nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Jun. '91*	May '91**	Jun. '90**	Jun. '91*	May '91**	Jun. '90**	Jun. '91*	May '91**	Jun. '90**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	$602.97	$601.56	$601.56	43.1	44.2	44.2	$13.99	$13.61	$13.61
Chemicals and Petro. Products	783.86	792.79	813.73	46.3	48.4	47.2	16.93	16.38	17.24

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **15,000** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	461.04	476.74	468.00	40.8	41.6	42.2	11.30	11.46	11.09
Durable Goods	387.27	392.96	402.00	39.0	39.1	40.2	9.93	10.05	10.00
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	337.04	338.40	383.64	39.1	36.0	41.7	8.62	9.40	9.20
Fabricated Metal Products	402.78	411.45	371.30	41.1	40.9	39.5	9.80	10.06	9.40
Ship & Boatbld'g. and Repair	341.64	345.21	371.13	36.5	37.0	38.7	9.36	9.33	9.59
Nondurable Goods	540.16	567.93	542.01	42.7	44.3	44.5	12.65	12.82	12.18
Food & Kindred Products	365.25	362.34	334.23	41.6	41.6	39.0	8.78	8.71	8.57
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	140.67	135.18	233.84	25.3	24.4	37.9	5.56	5.54	6.17
Printing & Publishing	405.03	397.14	416.93	39.4	40.9	42.5	10.28	9.71	9.81
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	857.74	862.58	766.84	51.3	52.5	47.6	16.72	16.43	16.11

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **31,800** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	538.46	537.03	498.04	42.1	40.5	42.1	12.79	13.26	11.83
Lumber and Wood Products	306.90	289.18	354.57	39.6	38.0	44.6	7.75	7.61	7.95
Food and Kindred Products	315.40	343.88	307.16	41.5	44.2	35.8	7.60	7.78	8.58
Printing and Publishing	352.26	348.50	381.00	34.4	34.1	37.5	10.24	10.22	10.16
Chemicals & Allied Products	661.98	642.17	637.17	47.9	46.5	48.9	13.82	13.81	13.03

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **12,600** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY JUNE, 1991 LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	RATE	REVISED MAY, 1991 LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	RATE	REVISED JUNE, 1990 LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	RATE
LOUISIANA	1962.5	1817.9	144.6	7.4	1897.9	1761.9	136.0	7.2	1905.7	1777.2	128.5	6.7
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	60.3	56.0	4.3	7.1	57.8	53.7	4.1	7.0	58.7	54.6	4.1	7.0
Baton Rouge 2/	284.0	264.6	19.4	6.8	274.0	255.9	18.1	6.6	275.7	258.8	16.9	6.1
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	74.5	70.0	4.5	6.0	71.2	66.7	4.5	6.3	70.9	67.1	3.8	5.4
Lafayette 4/	109.6	103.7	5.9	5.4	107.2	101.4	5.8	5.4	106.1	100.8	5.3	5.0
Lake Charles 5/	83.5	76.6	6.9	8.3	79.9	73.7	6.2	7.7	81.7	76.2	5.5	6.7
Monroe 6/	70.1	65.4	4.7	6.8	67.7	63.3	4.4	6.6	68.9	64.6	4.3	6.2
New Orleans 7/	598.8	559.9	38.9	6.5	579.0	543.8	35.2	6.1	582.7	545.0	37.7	6.5
Shreveport 8/	159.4	148.7	10.7	6.7	154.4	143.9	10.5	6.8	156.0	145.6	10.4	6.7

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index", is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services.

ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	INDEX	% CHANGE FROM PRIOR MONTH	% CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR
Jun. 1990	129.9		
Jun. 1991	136.0	+ 0.3	+ 4.7

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

AREA	PRELIMINARY JUNE 91 LABOR FORCE	EMPL	UNEMP	RATE	REVISED MAY 91 LABOR FORCE	EMPL	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	22,475	20,600	1,875	8.3	21,525	19,850	1,675	7.8
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	10,200	9,150	1,050	10.4	9,825	8,875	950	9.8
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,700	5,975	725	10.8	6,400	5,725	675	10.8
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	16,850	14,725	2,125	12.6	16,400	14,275	2,125	12.9
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,550	12,550	1,000	7.4	13,325	12,425	900	6.7
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,925	6,350	575	8.1	6,825	6,200	625	9.2
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,450	3,900	550	12.4	4,375	3,775	600	13.6
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,775	4,525	250	5.0	4,575	4,400	175	4.0
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	3,725	3,250	475	12.9	3,650	3,125	525	14.2
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,475	6,925	550	7.5	7,275	6,725	550	7.5
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	9,900	8,375	1,525	15.4	9,450	8,075	1,375	14.6
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	11,450	10,250	1,200	10.5	11,125	9,925	1,200	10.8
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	3,600	3,025	575	16.1	3,500	2,875	625	17.8
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	7,300	6,750	550	7.6	7,125	6,575	550	7.6
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	14,100	12,950	1,150	8.2	13,750	12,600	1,150	8.4
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	9,300	8,150	1,150	12.4	8,975	7,875	1,100	12.4
COLFAX (GRANT)	7,300	6,650	650	9.0	7,150	6,450	700	9.8
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	27,600	25,650	1,950	7.1	26,650	24,775	1,875	7.0
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,800	10,400	1,400	11.7	11,450	10,150	1,300	11.4
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	6,350	5,950	400	6.1	6,225	5,800	425	6.9
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	11,600	10,500	1,100	9.6	11,025	10,050	975	8.9
JENA (LASALLE)	6,025	5,475	550	9.3	5,925	5,300	625	10.7
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	17,675	16,875	800	4.6	18,125	17,275	850	4.7
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,600	4,925	675	12.1	5,425	4,725	700	13.0
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	13,175	11,950	1,225	9.3	12,800	11,525	1,275	10.0
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	15,550	14,350	1,200	7.6	15,350	14,025	1,325	8.6
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	8,600	8,050	550	6.5	8,325	7,775	550	6.5
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,225	6,100	1,125	15.6	6,900	5,925	975	14.2
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,175	3,575	600	14.6	4,100	3,475	625	15.5
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,400	7,450	950	11.2	8,125	7,125	1,000	12.2
MANY (SABINE)	10,475	9,700	775	7.3	10,200	9,450	750	7.3
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,900	2,575	325	11.1	2,800	2,500	300	11.0
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	9,725	8,775	950	9.8	9,525	8,650	875	9.2
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	31,300	27,950	3,350	10.7	30,225	27,175	3,050	10.1
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	25,025	23,025	2,000	8.0	24,000	22,175	1,825	7.6
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	38,700	34,575	4,125	10.7	37,350	33,700	3,650	9.8
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	2,425	2,225	200	8.5	2,325	2,125	200	9.1
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,450	7,775	675	8.0	8,225	7,475	750	9.1
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	18,875	17,225	1,650	8.8	17,925	16,550	1,375	7.6
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	18,425	17,125	1,300	7.0	18,100	16,775	1,325	7.3
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	17,700	15,725	1,975	11.2	16,875	15,275	1,600	9.5
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	19,300	17,625	1,675	8.7	18,650	16,975	1,675	9.1
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,850	3,800	1,050	21.6	4,750	3,675	1,075	22.8
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,150	3,875	275	6.8	4,050	3,775	275	6.7
WINNFIELD (WINN)	6,150	5,675	475	7.7	6,025	5,550	475	8.0

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
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	Jun. 1991*	May 1991**	Jun. 1990**	Net Change From May 1991	Net Change From Jun. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	47.4	46.9	46.9	+ 0.5	+ 0.5
GOODS PRODUCING	6.9	6.7	6.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
MINING	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3.6	3.4	3.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
MANUFACTURING	3.2	3.2	3.4	0	- 0.2
Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	40.5	40.2	40.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	2.3	2.3	2.4	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.6	10.4	10.8	+ 0.2	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Retail Trade	8.7	8.5	8.9	+ 0.2	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.1	2.0	2.1	+ 0.1	0
SERVICES	12.5	12.3	12.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Health Services	5.4	5.4	5.4	0	0
GOVERNMENT	13.0	13.2	12.6	- 0.2	+ 0.4
Federal	2.9	2.9	2.8	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	10.1	10.3	9.8	- 0.2	+ 0.3
State	4.6	4.6	4.4	0	+ 0.2
Local	5.5	5.7	5.4	- 0.2	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA was estimated at 47,400 for the current month. This estimate was 500 more than last month and 500 more than June, 1990.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 6,900 for June. This estimate was 200 more than last month's as a result of an increase in the construction industry. Compared to June of last year, this figure increased by 300, with the largest increase centered in the construction industry.

Service producing employment for the current month was estimated at 40,500. This estimate was 300 more than May, as a result of an increase in trade and services. Compared to June of last year, service producing employment increased by 200, with the largest increase centered in state and local government.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Jun. 1991*	May 1991**	Jun. 1990**	Net Change From May 1991	Net Change From Jun. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	238.9	238.8	238.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
GOODS PRODUCING	51.7	51.7	50.5	0	+ 1.2
MINING	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	27.4	27.6	27.0	- 0.2	+ 0.4
MANUFACTURING	23.4	23.2	22.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
Durable Goods	5.4	5.4	5.3	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	18.0	17.8	17.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
Food & Kindred Products	2.2	2.2	2.0	0	+ 0.2
Printing & Publishing	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	12.6	12.4	12.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	187.2	187.1	187.5	+ 0.1	- 0.3
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	11.4	11.3	11.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	54.4	54.1	53.8	+ 0.3	+ 0.6
Wholesale Trade	12.5	12.5	12.5	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	8.7	8.7	8.7	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.8	3.8	3.8	0	0
Retail Trade	41.9	41.6	41.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.6
General Merchandise	6.7	6.6	6.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	12.9	13.0	13.1	- 0.1	- 0.2
Banking	4.1	4.1	4.2	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	55.1	54.6	54.4	+ 0.5	+ 0.7
GOVERNMENT	53.4	54.1	55.1	- 0.7	- 1.7
Federal	2.4	2.4	3.0	0	- 0.6
State and Local	51.0	51.7	52.1	- 0.7	- 1.1
State	26.6	29.1	27.5	- 2.5	- 0.9
Local	24.4	22.6	24.6	+ 1.8	- 0.2

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge MSA was estimated at 238,900 during June, up 100 from the May revised estimate and up 900 over the comparable period a year ago.

Goods producing employment remained at 51,700. This figure was 1,200 above the year-ago level. Less business activity in the heavy construction and special trade contractors segments caused construction employment to decrease to 27,400. Manufacturing employment expanded to 23,400, triggered by more business in chemical and petroleum products.

Service producing employment rose 100 to a level of 187,200 for the month of June. An increase in motor freight transportation was responsible for the growth in transportation, communications, and public utilities. Retail department, food, and apparel and accessory stores each gained 100 workers in June, causing trade to increase to 54,400. The finance, insurance, and real estate sector reported employment losses in insurance carriers. Seasonal increases in membership organizations, amusement and recreation, legal, and social services boosted services employment to 55,100. Total government declined to 53,400 for June. State government decreased 2,500 due to seasonal losses at colleges and universities. Local government increased 1,800 due to temporary summer and seasonal hiring. The federal workforce remained at 2,400 for June.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 15,000 production workers in all manufacturing was $602.97 for June, an increase of $1.41 from the May average. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings were up $1.41. Average weekly hours at 43.1 decreased by 1.1 hours, while average hourly earnings at $13.99, increased by $0.38 per hour. A shorter workweek contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA was 284,000, comprised of 264,600 employed and 19,400 unemployed. The unemployment rate for the MSA was 6.8 percent in June.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 2,159 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 1,878 referrals to current openings resulted in 177 placements during the month of June.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Jun. 1991*	May 1991**	Jun. 1990**	Net Change From May 1991	Net Change From Jun. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	60.5	59.7	58.8	+ 0.8	+ 1.7
GOODS PRODUCING	14.2	13.6	13.1	+ 0.6	+ 1.1
MINING	5.7	5.5	5.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
CONSTRUCTION	2.3	2.2	2.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
MANUFACTURING	6.2	5.9	5.8	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
Durable Goods	4.4	4.2	3.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.7	1.9	+ 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	46.3	46.1	45.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	6.6	6.8	6.7	- 0.2	- 0.1
Water Transportation	4.0	4.2	4.2	- 0.2	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.8	15.0	14.6	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade	2.9	3.1	3.1	- 0.2	- 0.2
Retail Trade	11.9	11.9	11.5	0	+ 0.4
General Mdse. & App. & Acc.	2.3	2.3	2.2	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
SERVICES	11.3	11.0	10.9	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	11.5	11.2	11.4	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
Federal	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
State and Local	11.1	10.8	10.9	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
State	3.4	3.3	3.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Local	7.7	7.5	7.7	+ 0.2	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux MSA rose to 60,500, a level 800 above May. The gain was mostly in goods producing employment and largely seasonal in nature. Total nonagricultural employment stood at a level 1,700 above the year-ago figure.

Goods producing employment stood at 14,200, up 600 over May, and 1,100 over the June, 1990 figure. Mining pushed up in the best part of the year for outside work. Construction showed a small seasonal upturn. The durable goods segment of manufacturing increased because of additional orders. The nondurable goods segment rose as seafood processors geared up for the beginning of the shrimp harvest.

Service producing employment showed an overall gain of 200. Water transportation fluctuated downward in the transportation, communications, and public utilities segment. Trade exhibited a seasonal downturn. More favorably, services displayed an increase spread through several segments of the industry. Government was boosted by hires of temporary summer workers at the state and local government levels.

Estimated unemployment was 4,500 in June. Unemployment presently comprises 6.0 percent of the civilian labor force for the Houma-Thibodaux MSA. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 738.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Jun. 1991*	May 1991**	Jun. 1990**	Net Change From May 1991	Net Change From Jun. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	99.6	100.6	97.2	- 1.0	+ 2.4
GOODS PRODUCING	26.7	26.7	26.0	0	+ 0.7
MINING	12.6	12.7	12.5	- 0.1	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	4.6	4.6	4.3	0	+ 0.3
MANUFACTURING	9.5	9.4	9.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Durable Goods	3.0	2.9	2.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Nondurable Goods	6.5	6.5	6.6	0	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	72.9	73.9	71.2	- 1.0	+ 1.7
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	7.2	7.2	6.8	0	+ 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	26.1	26.0	25.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
Wholesale Trade	6.4	6.4	6.2	0	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	19.7	19.6	19.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
General Merchandise	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.3	3.4	3.3	- 0.1	0
Banking	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
SERVICES	23.1	23.2	22.8	- 0.1	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	13.2	14.1	13.1	- 0.9	+ 0.1
Federal	1.0	1.0	1.4	0	- 0.4
State and Local	12.2	13.1	11.7	- 0.9	+ 0.5
State	4.3	5.3	4.0	- 1.0	+ 0.3
Local	7.9	7.8	7.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette MSA was estimated at 99,600 for June, 1991, a decrease of 1,000 from last month's estimate. The decrease in employment was due mainly to a seasonal downturn in the government segment of the economy.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 26,700. This total was unchanged from last month as a gain of 100 in manufacturing was offset by a loss of 100 in mining.

Service producing employment was estimated at 72,900, a decrease of 1,000 from last month's revised estimate of 73,900. Trade rose by 100 from the prior month due to expansion in the retail sector. Finance, insurance, and real estate, and services both had a minimal drop of 100. Government employment declined by 900 due to seasonal layoffs at educational institutions within state government.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Jun. 1991*	May 1991**	Jun. 1990**	Net Change From May 1991	Net Change From Jun. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	69.3	68.9	69.8	+ 0.4	- 0.5
GOODS PRODUCING	19.2	19.7	20.0	- 0.5	- 0.8
MINING	1.4	1.3	1.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	7.2	7.6	6.9	- 0.4	+ 0.3
MANUFACTURING	10.6	10.8	11.8	- 0.2	- 1.2
Durable Goods	1.7	2.0	3.1	- 0.3	- 1.4
Nondurable Goods	8.9	8.8	8.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Chemical & Petro Products	8.1	8.0	7.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	50.1	49.2	49.8	+ 0.9	+ 0.3
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	4.6	4.5	4.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.7	15.7	16.0	0	- 0.3
Wholesale Trade	3.5	3.5	3.5	0	0
Retail Trade	12.2	12.2	12.5	0	- 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.7	2.7	2.8	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	15.1	15.0	14.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	12.0	11.3	12.1	+ 0.7	- 0.1
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.9	0	- 0.3
State and Local	11.4	10.7	11.2	+ 0.7	+ 0.2
State	3.4	3.4	3.3	0	+ 0.1
Local	8.0	7.3	7.9	+ 0.7	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles MSA was estimated at 69,300. This was an increase of 400 over the May revised level of 68,900. The increase in employment was due mostly to seasonal hiring in the government segment of the economy.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 19,200, a drop of 500 from last month's revised estimate of 19,700. Construction was off by 400 in June due to poor weather and a turnaround project slowing down at a chemical plant in the MSA. Manufacturing declined by 200 with the continuation of layoffs at a major employer in the durable goods manufacturing sector. Mining had a minimal increase of 100 in June.

Service producing employment was estimated at 50,100, a gain of 900 from last month's revised estimate of 49,200. Gains of 100 each occurred in the transportation, communications, and public utilities, and services sectors of the economy. Government rose by 700 due to summer youth hiring in local government.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Jun. 1991*	May 1991**	Jun. 1990**	Net Change From May 1991	Net Change From Jun. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	58.5	58.5	58.6	0	- 0.1
GOODS PRODUCING	11.1	10.8	10.8	+ 0.3	+ 0.3
MINING	0.4	0.3	0.4	+ 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.8	2.6	2.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
MANUFACTURING	7.9	7.9	7.8	0	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.1	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	5.9	5.9	5.7	0	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	5.1	5.1	4.9	0	+ 0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	47.4	47.7	47.8	- 0.3	- 0.4
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	3.1	3.1	3.3	0	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.7	14.6	15.2	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Wholesale Trade	3.6	3.6	3.9	0	- 0.3
Retail Trade	11.1	11.0	11.3	+ 0.1	- 0.2
General Mdse. & App. & Acc.	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.2	3.2	3.3	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.5	4.5	4.4	0	+ 0.1
Banking	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	13.9	13.5	13.4	+ 0.4	+ 0.5
GOVERNMENT	11.2	12.0	11.5	- 0.8	- 0.3
Federal	0.6	0.7	0.7	- 0.1	- 0.1
State and Local	10.6	11.3	10.8	- 0.7	- 0.2
State	4.6	5.0	4.3	- 0.4	+ 0.3
Local	6.0	6.3	6.5	- 0.3	- 0.5

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment, estimated at 58,500 during June, was unchanged from the May estimate, and was 100 below the June, 1990 estimate.

Goods producing was up by 300 to an estimated 11,100. Mining increased by 100. Construction rose by 200 as work began to repair and rebuild damages resulting from recent disasters in the area. Manufacturing was unchanged.

Service producing, estimated at 47,400, was 300 below the May estimate of 47,700. Services experienced the largest gain, 400, as outdoor activities began the seasonal increase and summer youths were hired in several services categories. Trade rose by 100 in the retail segment. Government was down by 800 reflecting the end of the spring semester at area educational facilities. All other segments were unchanged.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Jun. 1991*	May 1991**	Jun. 1990**	Net Change From May 1991	Net Change From Jun. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	540.6	542.3	533.3	- 1.7	+ 7.3
GOODS PRODUCING	82.8	83.3	81.1	- 0.5	+ 1.7
MINING	14.0	14.0	13.9	0	+ 0.1
Oil & Gas Extraction	13.7	13.7	13.5	0	+ 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	23.3	23.7	22.2	- 0.4	+ 1.1
MANUFACTURING	45.5	45.6	45.0	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Durable Goods	24.1	24.2	23.8	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.3	1.3	1.5	0	- 0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	2.2	2.3	2.4	- 0.1	- 0.2
Machinery Inc. Electrical	3.6	3.5	3.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Transportation Equipment	14.7	14.8	14.1	- 0.1	+ 0.6
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	11.2	11.4	10.5	- 0.2	+ 0.7
Other Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	21.4	21.4	21.2	0	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	5.5	5.5	5.9	0	- 0.4
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2.2	2.2	1.9	0	+ 0.3
Printing & Publishing	3.7	3.7	3.7	0	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	5.1	5.1	5.0	0	+ 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	3.8	3.8	3.6	0	+ 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	457.8	459.0	452.2	- 1.2	+ 5.6
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	44.2	44.2	44.1	0	+ 0.1
Railroad Transportation	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Trucking and Warehousing	8.1	8.0	8.3	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Water Transportation	13.7	13.6	13.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Comm. & Public Util.	13.3	13.4	13.1	- 0.1	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	133.3	132.6	133.9	+ 0.7	- 0.6
Wholesale Trade	31.0	30.8	31.2	+ 0.2	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	17.4	17.4	17.7	0	- 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.6	13.4	13.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	102.3	101.8	102.7	+ 0.5	- 0.4
General Merchandise	12.4	12.5	12.4	- 0.1	0
Food Stores	20.3	20.1	20.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	36.1	35.9	36.4	+ 0.2	- 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	31.5	31.3	31.9	+ 0.2	- 0.4
Banking	10.1	10.1	10.4	0	- 0.3
SERVICES	158.0	160.6	153.7	- 2.6	+ 4.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	14.3	14.6	14.3	- 0.3	0
Health Services	42.4	42.2	40.7	+ 0.2	+ 1.7
Educational Services	14.9	18.1	15.0	- 3.2	- 0.1
GOVERNMENT	90.8	90.3	88.6	+ 0.5	+ 2.2
Federal	15.9	16.0	16.5	- 0.1	- 0.6
State and Local	74.9	74.3	72.1	+ 0.6	+ 2.8
State	19.2	19.6	18.3	- 0.4	+ 0.9
Local	55.7	54.7	53.8	+ 1.0	+ 1.9

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the New Orleans MSA in June was estimated at 540,600, decreasing 1,700 from the previous month. Downward adjustments were seasonal in nature.

Goods producing employment was 82,800, down 500 from May, but 1,700 above the June, 1990 figure. Manufacturing lost 100 jobs during the month due to losses in fabricated metal products, and transportation equipment. The completion of several large projects helped pull construction down. Unusually heavy rains and flooding delayed the start of new jobs at a time when construction generally makes seasonal advancements. Mining remained at the same level as the previous month.

Service producing employment was reduced 1,200 over the month. Trade moved up with the larger gains in the retail segment. Finance, insurance, and real estate displayed normal seasonal increases. Services showed a significant decrease as educational service employment declined. Government was boosted by increased summer hires in local government.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $461.04 per week, down $15.70 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were 40.8, down 0.8 hours from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $11.30, down $0.16 from May, but $0.21 over June of last year.

Estimated unemployment was 38,900 for June. The unemployment rate registered 6.5 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 7,511.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Jun. 1991*	May 1991**	Jun. 1990**	Net Change From May 1991	Net Change From Jun. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	134.0	134.3	134.1	- 0.3	- 0.1
GOODS PRODUCING	26.9	26.2	27.2	+ 0.7	- 0.3
MINING	3.1	3.0	3.1	+ 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	6.6	6.1	6.2	+ 0.5	+ 0.4
MANUFACTURING	17.2	17.1	17.9	+ 0.1	- 0.7
Durable Goods	11.7	11.7	12.3	0	- 0.6
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.9	1.9	2.1	0	- 0.2
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	4.8	4.8	5.0	0	- 0.2
Other Durable Goods	4.6	4.6	4.8	0	- 0.2
Nondurable Goods	5.5	5.4	5.6	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
Chemicals & Petroleum Products	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.9	1.8	1.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	107.1	108.1	106.9	- 1.0	+ 0.2
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	8.2	8.1	8.3	+ 0.1	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	32.1	32.0	32.1	+ 0.1	0
Wholesale Trade	7.6	7.8	7.9	- 0.2	- 0.3
Retail Trade	24.5	24.2	24.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	6.6	6.7	6.4	- 0.1	+ 0.2
SERVICES	34.1	34.4	34.0	- 0.3	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	26.1	26.9	26.1	- 0.8	0
Federal	5.0	4.9	5.2	+ 0.1	- 0.2
State and Local	21.1	22.0	20.9	- 0.9	+ 0.2
State	6.4	6.8	6.7	- 0.4	- 0.3
Local	14.7	15.2	14.2	- 0.5	+ 0.5

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The nonagricultural wage and salary employment for the MSA, estimated at 134,000, showed only a small decline from the May revised and the year-ago estimates. Increased construction activity brought about more goods producing jobs, while seasonal factors caused service producing employment to drop below the May revised estimate, but showed a gain of 200 from one year ago.

Goods producing employment rose to 26,900 in June, a gain of 700 over the May estimate, but remained 300 below the June, 1990 estimate. Construction jobs rose to 6,600, up from 6,100 in May, as building and heavy construction activities increased. Mining and manufacturing jobs increased 100 each from May to June.

Service producing jobs in June dropped to 107,100, down from 108,100 in May. Most of this change occurred when schools closed for the summer. Additional job losses occurred in finance, insurance, and real estate and in services.

Production workers in manufacturing, estimated at 12,600, had average weekly earnings of $538.46, up $1.43 from the weekly average in May. Average weekly hours of 42.1 were 1.6 hours more than last month and average hourly earnings dripped slightly to $12.79, down $0.47 from last month.

The civilian labor force for this area was 159,400 in June, including 148,700 employed and 10,700 unemployed, giving an unemployment rate of 6.7 percent. A three month (April, May, June) average unemployment rate for this area was 6.7 percent, compared to 6.3 percent for the same period one year ago.

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